IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.RAMKUMAR

THURSDAY, THE 23RD AUGUST 2007 / 1ST BHADRA 1929

Crl.Rev.Pet.No. 1734 of 2007()

ST.9104/2002 of JUDL. MAGISTRATE OF FIRST CLASS COURT, IRINJALAKUDA

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REVN. PETITIONER: REVISION PETITIONER/ACCUSED

LEON, S/O.DEVASSY, THATTIL VEEDU,
PERINGOTTUKARA, KIZHAKKEMURI,
THRISSUR.

BY ADV. SRI.P.VIJAYA BHANU
SRI.PRASUN.S

RESPONDENTS: COMPLAINANT

STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KERALA.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI.K.S. SIVAKUMAR

THIS CRIMINAL REVISION PETITION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 23/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

V. RAMKUMAR, J.

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Dated: 23-08-2007

ORDER

Revision petitioner who is the accused in Crime No. 230 of 1999 of Irinjalakkuda Police Station for offences punishable under Rule 7 of Kerala Petroleum Products Dealers Licensing Order, 1981 and Rule 4 (a) of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation and Supply and Distribution Order (1993) read with Sections 3 and 7 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, challenges the order framing charge by the J.F.C.M. , Irinjalakkuda.

2. Earlier the petitioner had unsuccessfully approached this Court for quashing the proceedings before that Court. Since the Court below has found a prima facie case for proceeding against the revision petitioner, the court below cannot be faulted for not discharging the petitioner. The occurrence took place in the year 1999 and the sword of Damocles has been hanging over the petitioner. Hence the interests of justice demand that the case reaches a finality in the near future. I am told that there are only six witnesses for the prosecution and there is not much documentary evidence as well. Under these circumstances, the J.F.C.M. Irinjalakkuda should make

every endeavour to see that the case is disposed of at an early date.

This Revision is disposed of with a direction that C.C. 73 of 2006 before the J.F.C.M., Irinjalakkuda shall be tried and disposed of expeditiously and at any rate within four months of the date of receipt of a copy of this order. If for any reason, that court is unable to stick to the above time frame, it shall send a report to the Registrar of this Court through proper channel explaining the reasons as to why the above time limit could not be adhered to.

V. RAMKUMAR,
(JUDGE)

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